GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DISTRIBUTION OF FREE MEDICINES TO PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines are distributed in Government Hospitals free of cost;

(b) if so, the details of the medicines procured for this purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether such medicines are being sold in open market unauthorisedly;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such malpractice;

(e) the number of officials found committing such malpractice during the last three years; and

(f) the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): In so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & its associated hospitals, are concerned, medicines according to formulary & available in stock are distributed free of cost to patients as per the existing policy. The statement of allocation for purchase of supply and materials (including medicines) during the last three years is annexed.

(c)to(f); No such incidence has come to the notice of this Ministry.
ANNEXURE

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON MATERIAL & SUPPLIES INCLUDING MEDICINES (Rupees in thousands)

Name of the Hospital	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Dr. R.M.L. Hospital	90500	97500	119200
Safdarjung Hospital	168300	184290	195000
LHMC & its associated hospitals	71590	71590	71590